GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRAHAYANA SAKA MAKING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether two days Conference of the State Secretaries was held in November, 1999 to discuss the issue of Amendment in Constitution to make elementary education a fundamental right and increase investment in education to 60% of GNP during the next five years;

(b) if so, the main decision arrived at the conference; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Conference arrived at broad consensus on certain critical issues like amendment of the Constitution to make Elementary Education a Fundamental Right, increasing publicinvestment in education to 6% of GNP overthe next five years, launching of the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan toattain the goal of Universal Elementary Education, encouraging greater participation of non-governmental sector in education, prevention of commercialisation of education, review and revision of curriculum for school education, introduction of computer education in schools, revision of the scheme of Vocationalisation of Education, etc.

Educational Development is a continuous process and constant efforts have been made to achieve the objectives set out in the National Policy on Education in consultation and collaboration with the States.